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Councilmember At Large A
STEVE GILLETT
Councilmember At Large B
DANNY EARP
Councilmember District 1
CHUCK ENGELKEN
Councilmember District 2



BILL BENTLEY
Councilmember District 3
Mayor Pro-Tem
THOMAS GARZA
Councilmember District 4
JAY MARTIN
Councilmember District 5
NANCY OJEDA
Councilmember District 6

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA PORTE
MAY 16, 2020**

This meeting was adjourned from the May 9, 2020, meeting, at which items 3(a)-(j) and 3(l) were handled. Item 3(bb) was an addition to the agenda for May 16.

The City Council of the City of La Porte met in a special meeting on Saturday, May 16, 2020, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 604 West Fairmont Parkway, La Porte, Texas, at 8:30 a.m., with the following in attendance:

Councilmembers present: Louis Rigby, Steve Gillett, Danny Earp, Chuck Engelken, Bill Bentley, Thomas Garza, Jay Martin

Councilpersons attending remotely: Nancy Ojeda

Councilmembers absent: Brandon Lunsford

Council-appointed officers present: Corby Alexander, City Manager; Lee Woodward, City Secretary

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rigby called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMENT *(Generally limited to five minutes per person; in accordance with state law, the time may be reduced if there is a high number of speakers or other considerations.)*

Chuck Rosa offered a prayer.

Mayor Rigby reminded the Council of the rules of procedure and noted a motion, second, and vote would be necessary to establish the interest of the Council to consider an item.

3. STATUTORY AGENDA The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and formulate City Council and staff plans, operations, policies, and/or future projects, including the following:

- (a) **Financial Overview.** [Michael Dolby, Finance Director]
- (b) **Utility Rate Comparison and Update** (Requested by Councilmember Engelken). [Michael Dolby, Director of Finance]
- (c) **Employee Compensation, Retention & Training Update** (Requested by Mayor Pro-tem Bentley & Councilmember Earp). [Matt Hartleib, Human Resources Manager]
- (d) **Medical Plan Update.** [Matt Hartleib, Human Resources Manager]
- (e) **Property Tax Waiver for Volunteer Firefighters** (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Michael Dolby, Director of Finance]
- (f) **Utility Bill Waiver for First Responders (i.e. Fire, EMS, Police & Dispatch)** (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Michael Dolby, Director of Finance]
- (g) **New City Hall** (Requested by Mayor Rigby). [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]
- (h) **EMS Billing Fees and Collection Options.** [Lisa Camp, EMS Chief]
- (i) **Wrought-iron Fence to Replace Chain-link Fence area at Bay Forest Golf Course** (Requested by Mayor Rigby). [Billy Stoker, General Manager]
- (j) **Parking Logistics at Pecan Park** (Requested by Councilmember Engelken). [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]

- (k) **Fairmont Park West Park and Pool Update (Requested by Mayor Pro-tem Bentley). [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

(This was the first item handled at this meeting.) Councilperson Bentley moved to discuss the item; the motion was adopted, 8-0. Mrs. Epting offered a presentation on the Fairmont Park West property.

- (l) **Recreation and Fitness Center Update (Requested by Councilmember Earp). [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

(This item was handled on May 9.)

- (m) **Drainage Concerns: Ditch F101 clean-out and fix to get over pipeline corridor, East end of H Street at Sens Road flooding solution, Detention ponds on north side of airport, and Drainage for Battleground Estates (Requested by Councilmember Earp). [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Councilperson Earp noted the Drainage and Flooding Committee was working on this project and asked the item be removed without consideration, which it was without objection.

- (n) **Mobile Animal Adoption Program (Requested by Councilmember Ojeda). [Matt Daeumer, Assistant Police Chief]**

Councilperson Ojeda moved to have the item considered; the motion was adopted, 8-0. Without objection, the Council provided general consensus in support of Option 2 with a 22-kennel capacity.

- (o) **Decorative Street Lights on Main Street (4th Street to Broadway) (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works and Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Without objection, Councilperson Garza asked the item be removed from consideration.

- (p) **Decorative Traffic/Street Signs on Main Street (2 Phases - 4th Street to Broadway and SH146 to 4th Street) (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Ray Mayo, Director of Public Works]**

Councilperson Garza moved to consider the item; the motion did not receive a second and was not considered.

- (q) **Benches on Main Street - 4th Street to Broadway (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Councilperson Garza moved the item be considered for discussion; the motion was adopted, 8-0. Without objection, the item was approved for the budget, but the budgeted amount would not require further Council action.

- (r) **Plant 1,000 Trees (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Councilperson Garza moved the item be considered for discussion; the motion did not receive a second and was not considered.

- (s) **Live-stream City Council Meetings (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Grady Parker, IT Manager]**

Councilperson Garza moved the item be considered for discussion; the motion was adopted, 5-3, Mayor Rigby and Councilpersons Engelken and Bentley voting against. Without objection, the Council offered general consensus in support of Option 2 with broadcast on the City's website. The Council took a 10-minute recess at 10:01 a.m. and returned at 10:14 a.m.

- (t) **Animal Shelter Vet (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Matt Daeumer, Assistant Police Chief]**

Without objection, Councilperson Garza asked the item be removed from consideration.

- (u) **Traffic (Speed) Enforcement Cameras (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Doug Ditrich, Assistant Police Chief]**

Without objection, Councilperson Garza asked the item be removed from consideration.

- (v) **SPORT Uniforms (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Councilperson Garza asked the item be considered; the motion was not adopted; Councilpersons Garza and Gillett voting in support.

- (w) **La Porte ISD Intergovernmental Agreement for Use of School Gym(s) (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Councilperson Garza moved to consider the item; the motion did not receive a second and was not considered.

- (x) **Dispatch Console Radio Replacement. [Matt Daeumer, Assistant Police Chief]**

Councilperson Engelken moved the item be considered; the motion was permitted without objection.

- (y) **Planning and Inspections Software. [Grady Parker, IT Manager]**

Councilperson Engelken moved the item be considered; the motion was adopted, 8-0.

- (z) **San Jacinto Pool Renovations. [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Councilperson Bentley moved to consider the item; the motion was permitted without objection.

- (aa) **Wave Pool - Pool House. [Roz Epting, Director of Parks & Recreation]**

Councilperson Garza moved to consider the item; the item was adopted, 8-0. There was no objection to delaying the item to next year's budget retreat.

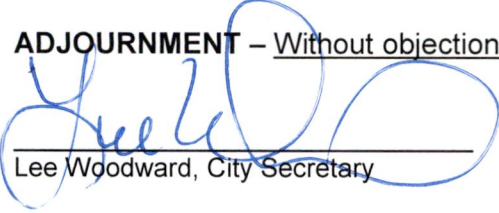
- (bb) **Develop Sidewalk Master Plan (Requested by Councilmember Garza). [Lorenzo Wingate, Assistant Director of Public Works]**

Councilmember Garza moved discussion of the item; the motion did not receive a second and was not considered.

4. **COUNCIL COMMENTS regarding matters appearing on the agenda; recognition of community members, city employees, and upcoming events; inquiry of staff regarding specific factual information or existing policies.**

Councilpersons thanked staff for preparation of the items and the Council for delaying some projects, noting the need for key drainage and maintenance issues; noted the need to consider facilities that will be needed in the next twenty years, not just now; reminded all that future construction may have new post-pandemic considerations; suggested a citizen-City committee to review facilities; mentioned the Houston 100 Club had honored Chief Camp of EMS.

ADJOURNMENT – Without objection, Mayor Rigby adjourned the meeting at 11:42 p.m.



Lee Woodward, City Secretary